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YOUR CAREER IN LANDSCAPING

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Landscaper

**Certificate III Horticulture, Certificate IV
Landscaping, Certificate III Arboriculture**

How did you come to be involved in the landscaping industry?

I left school and started working a few different jobs. It was then I met a landscaper and arborist and started working for them. I discovered I really had a passion for horticulture, and I never looked back.

What study did you need to undertake?

Horticulture, Arboriculture, Landscaping, White Card, Chainsaw Licence, and Chemical Spraying.

What skills are required?

Strong work ethic, customer service, be good with your hands as well as the ability to work in all weather conditions.

What do you like about working in the industry and being part of a team?

Constantly moving around (not stuck at a desk), working with others to achieve a good result, and being able to create a beautiful outdoor space for my clients.

What is a common myth about working as a landscaper?

That landscaping is just mowing, hedging and planting. Its so much more than that. It's a profession and all encompassing. Landscaping is everywhere and requires a broad range of technical knowledge which we use to construct amazing outdoor spaces.

What does a typical day look like for you?

Early starts, hard physical labour, liaising with clients, driving to different site locations, quoting, emails/phone calls, placing orders for materials, scheduling in jobs, teamwork and directing/training staff.

What would you say to someone considering becoming a landscaper?

Be prepared to work hard (physical labour) and in all weather conditions, but the rewards can be great.

Describe your career highlight so far

Starting my own business, building it up to be able to employ a team of people and giving others the opportunity to start a career in landscaping as I did 25 years ago.